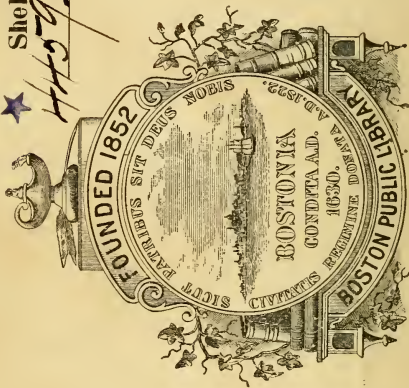




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I. Seven members of the Club, to be chosen by ballot, shall be a General Committee for the furtherance of the interests of the Club; and shall have the general charge of its property and affairs, and the management of its funds. Their duties shall include the hiring of armories and grounds, the employment of instructors, and the regulation and care of guns, uniforms, and equipments. Four of them shall retire annually, but may be re-elected. The Committee shall choose a President, a Vice-Presi-

dent, and a Treasurer, from their own number ; and may appoint a Secretary, and fill vacancies in their Board. All questions shall be decided by the vote of a majority.

II. There shall be an annual meeting of the Club on the second Monday of January ; at which the General Committee shall make a statement of their proceedings during the past year, and the new Committee shall be chosen. The quorum necessary for the transaction of business at any meeting of the Club, except to adjourn the same, shall be twenty members.

III. The Club shall consist of two classes of members, — enrolled and associate. No one shall be admitted a member for less than one year, nor

without the approval of the General Committee ; who may, if they see fit, provide for submitting the names of candidates to an election by the Club.

IV. The General Committee may elect, by unanimous vote, honorary members of the Club, who shall enjoy all the privileges of enrolled and associate members, but shall not be liable to the payment of any assessment.

V. Every enrolled member shall pay ten dollars annually, or three dollars quarterly, in advance. They shall be arranged in companies by the General Committee as soon as they shall be reported as effective by the officer having them in charge.

VI. Associate members shall consist of subscribers of not less than fifty dollars in one payment, or of fifteen dollars yearly. They will be entitled, under regulations to be prescribed by the General Committee, to practise on the ground, when it is not required by enrolled members; and may vote at the general meetings of the Club, and shall be eligible as members of the General Committee: but they shall not be obliged to obtain uniforms, unless they desire to take part in the drill of the enrolled members.

VII. The General Committee shall determine the number and rank of the military officers of the Club, and may create additional offices from time to time. The Committee shall also appoint the necessary military officers,

until the military organization shall be so perfected as to make it proper, in the judgment of the Committee, to hold elections for such officers.

VIII. After the first formation, there shall be an election of military officers of the Club, every four months, on the second Mondays of January, May, and September.

IX. The commissioned officers of each company shall be chosen by the company. Each field officer shall be chosen by the commissioned officers of his command. The duties of other offices shall be performed by members, to be designated daily by the commanding officers.

X. The General Committee may, if they see fit, nominate those field officers whose command includes members who drill at different hours; but any such nominations shall be submitted to the vote of all the officers subordinate to the nominee, and of a rank higher than that of lieutenant. And, if no such appointments shall be made, officers of equal rank in the different classes shall have precedence in rotation on joint drills or parades.

XI. Elections and appointments shall be predicated upon the merits of the candidates, without reference to the regular order of promotion. In all elections, whether direct or upon nomination of the Committee, three fourths of the votes cast shall be necessary to a choice.

XII. The Committee shall give to any effective member whom they deem qualified, after examination, a certificate of his qualification to act as an officer ; which certificate shall entitle him to wear a badge, to be determined by the Committee : and no person, without this certificate, shall be eligible as an officer.

XIII. The General Committee shall have power to confer prizes for the best shots ; and they may establish fines for non-attendance, for violation of the rules established by them, and for disobedience of orders.

XIV. Any effective member of the Club may be permitted by the General Committee to temporarily withdraw from active duty ; in which case he shall

be deemed to have resigned any military office which he may hold, and shall be liable to the performance of no duties, except the payment of assessments ; but may at any time resume a place in the ranks, giving notice thereof to the General Committee ; or any effective member may be transferred to the list of associate members at his option, on making the necessary payments.

XV. Any enrolled member of the Club may apply to his commanding officer for a furlough for a definite time ; during which, if the furlough be granted, he shall be liable to pay only the annual assessment.

XVI. Any officer failing to perform his duties may be removed by a Court of Inquiry, to be convened by the Gene-

ral Committee ; and any member may be expelled for misconduct, at a special meeting of the Committee called for the purpose of investigating the charges against him : but the accused shall, in either case, be allowed a copy of the charges preferred, and a reasonable time to prepare his defence.

XVII. Any member of the Club, having paid all his dues, may be honorably discharged by the General Committee.

XVIII. No member of the Club shall have the right to occupy its rooms or grounds for more than one fortnight after neglecting to pay any assessment or fine ; and it shall be the duty of the General Committee to see that this rule is enforced, and to strike from the rolls

of the Club any member who continues such neglect for the further space of one month.

XIX. The General Committee may provide for the instruction of persons, not members of the Club, upon such terms and conditions as they shall establish.

XX. It shall be the duty of the Secretary, upon the application of one commissioned officer and of ten members, to call a special meeting of the Club, the purpose of which shall be indicated in the notice.

XXI. No change shall be made in these By-laws, unless by a vote of three fourths of those present, either at a meeting called for the purpose, or at

the annual meeting; and notice of the proposed change shall be inserted in the notice calling the meeting at which it is to be acted on, and shall be posted in the room of the Club at least seven days previous to the meeting.

XXII. All meetings of the Club shall be called by notifying each enrolled and associate member by a notice in writing, sent by mail, and by advertising the same in some daily newspaper published in Boston.

GENERAL COMMITTEE.

AMOS A. LAWRENCE, *Pres.* . 17 MILK STREET.

EDWARD C. CABOT, *V. Pres.* . { 8 STUDIO BUILDING,
TREMONT STREET.

WILLIAM ASPINWALL, *Secy.* . 34 SCHOOL STREET.

GEORGE ATKINSON, *Treas.* . 60 STATE STREET.

SIDNEY WILLARD 30 COURT STREET.

OLIVER W. PEABODY . . . 40 STATE STREET.

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